

GORGEOUS GOWNS; FLASHING JEWELS

Saratoga Race Carnival Presents
Scene of Babylonian
Splendor.

FARO, BRIDGE AND ROULETTE

Veto of Gambling Joins Drives
Venturesome to Drawing-
Room Gaming.

BY J. S. A. MACDONALD.
SARATOGA RACE TRACK, N. Y.,
August 17.—One of the interesting side
angles to the rollicking pleasure car-
nival of the Spa has to do with the
women. Babylon in its wildest riot
never saw such a prodigious wealth of
jewels and such exquisite millinery as
mark the present Saratoga season. Ap-
parently the women of the millionaires
who annually come to this village nest-
ling in the Green Mountains had been
preparing and devising gowns for
months and months previous to the
season's inauguration, for scarcely one
of them but boasts of an imported
dress. And the diamonds! Unless a
woman can boast of a gem with a his-
tory after the style of the story en-
veloping the Kohinoor, her prestige in
the balcony parades during the after-
dinner hour is sadly impaired. But it
is at the race-course where the world
of femininity reigns supreme. The
sight of "Quality Row"—the long line
of boxes fringing the front of the grand
stand—is a spectacle well worth seeing.
It was a wonderful sight last Saturday,
on the occasion of the running of the
Saratoga Special, for every box held a
full quota of guests resplendent in
gorgeous raiment. Again, the annual
renewal of the Hagerman stakes for the
old-fashioned drivers drew forth a splen-
did gathering. Boulevardiers from the
European capitals declare they had
never looked upon so lavish a scene as
that attaching to the Saratoga Special
afternoon. A conservative estimate of
the value of the gowns and the dresses
that afternoon is placed at a round one
million of dollars. The New York Horse
Show or the Metropolitan Opera House
"Horse Show" were as markers com-
pared to that grand show of the Spa's
smart racing set. That Saturday after-
noon will live long in the memory of
all who saw it. But the night show at
the hotels! It baffles description. As
the evening shadows commence to fall,
the little world rotating about the
United States and the Grand Union
Hotel changes from the light summer
clothes to the sombre black and white
of correct evening attire. What a
chance for women. They take full ad-
vantage of it, too. The diamonds flash
and the gowns swirl to the bewilder-
ment of any one not accustomed to
Newport and Monte Carlo. "Mose,"
the noted Western turfman and a
natural wit, walked into a blaze of dia-
monds as he came into the foyer of
the Grand Union last week. "Mose"
has seen some stones in his career, too,
but this was a staggerer. He left for
New York next day, "as he was avoid-
ing getting money mad," as he explained it.
Take the women with their diamonds
and their gowns from the picture and
Saratoga would be a dull place.

Faro, Bridge and Roulette.
But to how to another line. While
there has been plenty of faro play and
some high stake money won and lost
at the wheel and roulette in one or
two private "cottage clubs" and the
down at Canfield's has hurt Saratoga
to a marked extent. On the day previous
to the opening of the Empire City
meeting at Yonkers, N. Y., at least 2,000
solitaries dropped down to New York.
If Saratoga is to live and prosper as
a summer sporting town, a more lib-
eral administration, so far as gambling,
must prevail. The Old World methods,
in vogue at Monte Carlo, Nice and other
resorts, must eventually come. Ameri-
cans and New Yorkers particularly are
becoming rich, and the thing is to
like whiskey, is a bad thing in itself,
still the class that may afford it and
knows how to avoid the harm and en-
joy the pleasure in it, want gambling
and must get it. Otherwise, Saratoga
is going to take the "toboggan."
One of the surprising things of the
week is shown in the announcement of
John W. Gates's expatriation. "Bet-
You-a-Million," so the story goes, will
live in England, and during his resi-
dence there enter upon a turf career.
Gates says he could not obtain the
prize he desires in this country. The
newspapers exploited his every move-
ment, sometimes to his extreme in-
convenience. This was especially so
about his betting. The New York
newspapers made the multi-millionaire
ridiculous. Gates openly assailing the
racing reporter of the New York Sun
in the Sheephead Bay paddock be-
cause of that vicious man having pri-
vately alleged fabrication concerning
John's bets. "Boots" Durnell will train
for Gates in the old country, and a
large stable will be campaigned. This
is the story going the rounds. The
real truth of the thing is that Durnell
is in disfavor with the Jockey Club.
He has been told to "quit." Durnell
is fond of the French Jockey Club,
and, of course, the American club
is bound to recognize the foreign tri-
bunal. Still, Durnell, through the in-
fluence of John W. Gates, has been
able to race around about New York
for the last two years. True, he could
not obtain a trainer's license, but he
employed another man to do his train-
ing. This was "Willie" McKinley. Then
when Gates retired to France some
three weeks ago the Jockey Club took
advantage of the occasion to get after
Durnell. At the time Alec Smith was
ruled off Durnell was told a vamp-
away, too. Then comes the story of
Durnell's intention of racing in England
as a means to let down Durnell easily.
As a matter of fact, Gates will never
race abroad, and Durnell will attempt
to secure reinstatement in France be-
fore further pursuing his destiny upon
the turf. Troubles do not come kin-
dred-handed, for Durnell and his wife
have become estranged, so the gossip
says. Mrs. Durnell is intent upon se-
curing a divorce. One thing about
Durnell, he is an able horseman. An
experience as a jockey and a trainer
in France and England has made
him an invaluable handler of the thor-
oughbred in training. No man has a
better knowledge of the foot of the
horse than he. His one weakness is
a proneness to excessive gambling. It
is no exaggeration to say that Dur-
nell let \$200,000 slip through his fin-
gers during the last five months. Just
how much remains is hard to say,
but Durnell is scarcely rich. Accord-
ing to many turfmen, Durnell will
never again race in this country. The
Jockey Club gave him a week in or-
der to disperse his stable.

Bearding Race-Track Trust.
The "race-track trust" has been
bearded in its den, for with the open-
ing of Empire City the Western prop-
rietary interests of Joseph Rhinoceros
and L. A. Cella gained a working
foothold. While James Butler is the

WILL TRY TO LOWER HIS RECORD



DAN PATCH,
the plying king, who will try to lower his record of 1:55 1/4 during this summer.

man with the most money in the pro-
ject. It was the encouragement he
received from Rhinoceros and the latter's
willingness to come up with ready
money which started the mill-a-going
which brought on the meeting in the
face of the utmost hostility from Aus-
tine Belmont and other powerful
Jockey Club interests. Belmont wishes
to monopolize the turf of New York for
the money there is in racing and to
be able to govern the sport with a
firm hand. That he has brought racing
from nowhere to a splendid eminence
of respectability cannot be denied, but
that he is right in fighting off all
competition is a debatable question,
especially when the law courts hold
a certain race-track has as good right
to race as he. That the Empire City
meeting would prove a money-maker
was a foregone conclusion, for under
M. T. Winn it was well managed and
the racing itself was a good deal
cleaner and more uniform than that
seen at Saratoga, where the steeple-
chases were nothing more than me-
diums of trickery and manipulation.
Just where the "Western capital" will
again show itself remains to be seen.
That a new course near Coney Island
will be started before snow flies is
undoubted. Who is behind it? The
race-tracks of New York are such
lucrative money mills that Belmont
cannot maintain a further monop-
oly of them through close Jockey Club
State Racing Commission manipulation.
They do say John Condon, of Chicago,
Ill., and "Sam" Lazarus, of Texas, are
"in" on this new project. According
to one good authority a New York
race-track will pay for itself in three
years, even if it does cost \$1,000,000.

GREAT OARSMAN BADLY INJURED

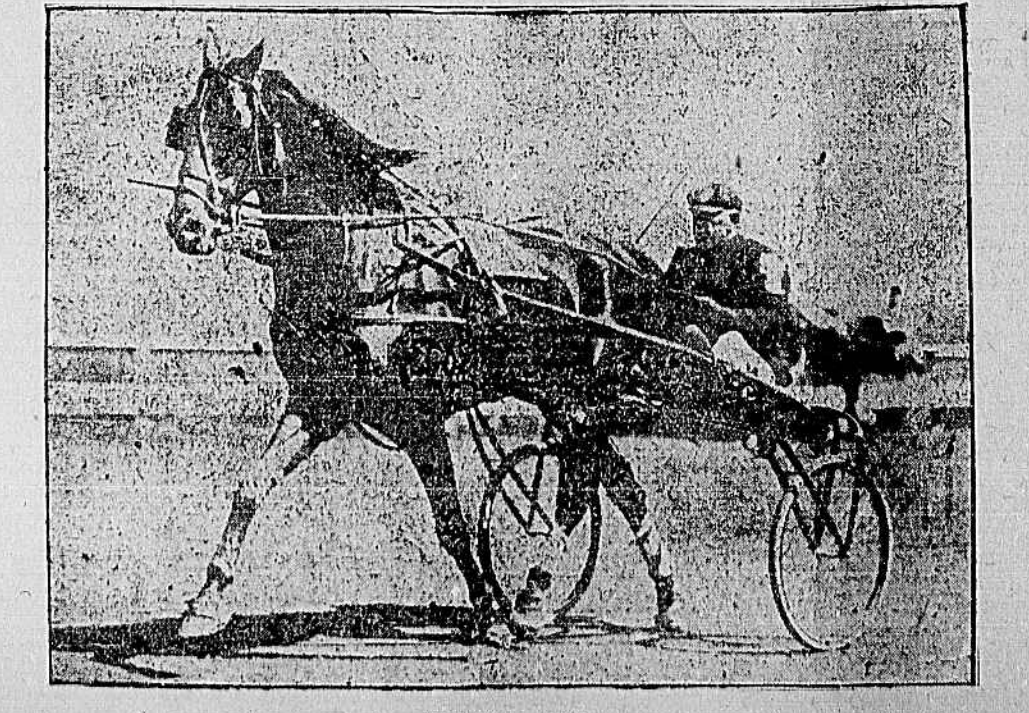
Guy Nickalls, Old Oxford Oars-
man, Is Hurt in Auto
Smash.

LONDON, August 17.—Guy Nickalls,
the famous oarsman, was cycling along
the Windsor Road, between Slough
and Eton College last week, when there
was a collision between his machine
and a motor car. Mr. Nickalls sus-
tained a broken arm and a severe
wound on the fractured limb. The
motorist conveyed him to his home at
Farnham Royal, where he is being
surgically treated. It is twenty years
since Nickalls rowed for Oxford in the
university boat race, but he is still as
active as ever, and at Eton's last
month he rowed in the Magdalen four,
which defeated Leander in the
Steward's Plate. This is a record which
has never been approached.

AMERICAN MOTOR-CYCLIST.

Theo. K. Hastings Will Represent
America in London Races.
NEW YORK, August 17.—America,
for the first time, will be represented
in the six-day motor cycle races at the
Autocycle Club of London, which are
scheduled to take place the week be-
ginning on the 15th inst. Theodore K.
Hastings, a New York business man
and a member of the Federation of
Motor Cyclists of America and the
Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn,
will try conclusions with all the crack
riders of England, Germany, France
and Belgium. He will ride the first
American wheel ever entered in a
foreign competition road race. The
wheel is a four-horse power, twin
cylinder, 1908 "Indian."

GREAT TROTTER IS GOING SOUND AGAIN



HIGHBALL, 2:00 1/4.
Greer has this speed marvel in the condition again.

NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Gentee H., 2:11 1-4, Former Vir-
ginia Trotter, Showing Sen-
sational Speed.

KATOR, THE SON OF KREMLIN
Our Home-Bred Runners Earning
Winning Brackets on the
Big Track.

BY W. J. CARTER (BROAD ROCK).
During recent years few handsomer
trotting stallions have been seen than
Gentee H., the brown horse, six years
old, by Gambetta Wilkes, dam Lena,
by Mambrino Starke, that trotted to
record of 2:11 1-4 at Detroit. The
brown stallion was bred by A. B.
Hutchings, of Danville, Ky., from whom
the son of Gambetta Wilkes passed
as a yearling to M. B. Hickson, the
young lumber merchant of Lynchburg,
Va., who trains a few trotters each
season as a source of healthful diver-
sion rather than otherwise. In young
Hickson's hands last season Gentee H.
made a record of 2:22 1-4, and then
passed to A. H. Miller, of Buffalo, who
placed the horse in W. B. McDonald's
stable. The latter raced him some
in an educational way, and gave him
a mark of 2:21 1-4. Last fall Gentee
H. could trot in 2:10, and this season
the form shown by him seems to in-
dicate that he is much better than a
2:10 trotter. He can show quarters at
a two-minute gait, is a good doer and
game enough to fight out his races.
All of this is doubtless pleasing to
breeders in Virginia and North Caro-
lina, where some of his get are to be
seen, and a choice lot of youngsters
they are, too, as while owned by Mr.
Hickson some good mares were mated
with Gentee H., and those that have
his get are well known with them.

Buffon says that the duration of the
life of a horse is, as in all other species
of domestic animals, proportionate to
the duration of their period of growth
or increase. The period of increase of
the horse continues throughout four
years, and he can live six or seven
times as long—that is to say, twenty-
five or thirty years. The life of mares
is ordinarily longer than that of horses.
At ten years of age, if a horse is sound
and free from objectionable habits, he
is a safer purchase than one five years
of age. The older horse is less liable
to sudden or acute attacks of disease,
such as colic, etc., and if properly cared
for is good for many years of reason-
able service. Albertus Magnus men-
tions that in his time—1152-1250—
there was an instance of a charger
proving serviceable at the advanced
age of sixty; and Augustus Nephus says
there was a horse in the stable of
Ferdinand the First—1503-1554—that
had attained the extraordinary age of
seventy years.

Kotor, the bay stallion, 5, by Krem-
lin, 2:07 3-4, dam Allene, by Kentucky
Prince, is making speed for his owner,
Dr. L. T. Whitaker, of Enfield, N. C.,
who has him entered in the \$500 stakes
for 2:27 trotters at Winston, Greens-
boro and Charlotte, N. C. The hand-
some bay filly Lady Halifax, 3, by Pil-
ot Medium, Jr., dam Sisterina, 2:29 1-4,
by King Nutwood, who has shown
quarters in 34 seconds this season
over the slow half-mile track at the
farm, will not be raced this season,
as it has been decided to keep her
over for another year.

S. A. Dunn, the well-known lawyer,
of Scotland Neck, N. C., has a fast and
handsome mare in Maud Dunn, the
chestnut daughter of Clan Alpine and
Virginia, by Fauquier, son of Hazel,
a Hambletonian. She was driven on
the road for years by her owner and
then bred to Headlight, a full brother
to Karnock, 2:21 1-4, by whom she is
nursing a handsome foal. Clan Alpine,
sire of Maud Dunn, was one of the
best bred sons of the noted Aber-
deen, and could pace fast. He was
owned at different times by John L.
Roper, of Norfolk; Robert Tait, of
Amherst, and later passed to parties
in West Virginia.

Some very large race-horses are reared
in England, as evidenced by Wise
Mason, who stands 17.3 1-2 hands and
is the biggest horse in training. These
proportions are on the gigantic order
when compared with many of the
greatest of our Virginia thoroughbreds,
especially those of ante-bellum days,
including the famous Boston and his
contemporaries, albeit during more re-
cent years increased size seems gen-
erally to prevail, as evidenced by Eon,
the son of Eolus, and a number of others.

Among the Virginia bred horses that
have recently earned winning brackets
are Nellie Burn, chestnut filly, 4, by
Fatherless, dam Genevieve, by Eolus,
who won at 1:15 miles at 1:49 1-5, at
Fort Erie, and the steeplechaser, Brim-
ble Lane and Essex. The latter, a
son of Judge Morrow and Mimosa, has
been a good horse for Dion Kerr
this season, who has the big and hand-
some bay gelding under lease from
the Messrs. Green, of Fredericksburg.

Since the death of the late Robert L.
Stevens, which occurred not long since,
it has been decided to dispose of his
thoroughbred horses now at Otterburn
Farm, Loretto, Va., which are in charge
of P. S. Hunter. Mr. Stevens was in-
terested with Mr. Hunter in Judge
Morrow, the sire of the steeplechasers
Essex, Snuff and other winners.

Pimlico Race Plans.

BALTIMORE, August 17.—The United
Hunts of Maryland have secured the
sanction of the National Steeplechase
and Hunt Association for the meeting
to be held at Pimlico, August 22 and
September 2, inclusive, and have an-
nounced the program for the meeting.
All entries for the hack and steeple-
chase, and also the pony events, close
at midnight on August 21, with the
secretary, D. Sterrett Glitings, while
the other events close at the track at
noon on the day of the race. Many
horses which raced at Brighton Beach
and Kenilworth will participate.

Brit-Gans Match

NEW YORK, August 17.—The next
bout of importance after the Johnson-
Burns go will be between Jimmy Britt
and Joe Gans. The men have agreed
to box for the lightweight championship
of the National Commission, which
part of September. Britt surprised the
boxing world when he beat Battling
Nelson recently, and Gans thought he
would be the next best man to meet.
This will be another good bout to look
forward to.

Samuel E. Duggins, "Never Undersold Clothier," 00 Broad Street.

Buy Now, Save Money

A Great Opportunity to Save
Dollars on Suits and Trousers

This month you will be able to tell whether you bought your Summer Clothes at
the right place. If you bought them here, come back and let us sell you an extra
pair of Trousers, a Thin Coat or another Suit at prices reduced so low that they will
surprise you. If you did not buy here early in the season, come now and share the
same good fortune as those that did, and you will save money.

We must sell these goods. We will not carry them over. How about these
prices? Can you duplicate them?

A Few Eye-Openers.

SWELL TAILORED SUITS OF CHEV-
IOTS, TWEEDS AND WORSTEDS,
in blues, grays and mixed goods. Just
the thing for your vaca-
tion or business. Were
\$25.00 and \$30.00, now

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S HIGH-
GRADE SUITS of Serges, Worsted
and Flannels, for business wear, in Two
and Three-Piece Suits, As
long as they last.....

SPLENDID SERGES, WORSTEDS
AND FLANNELS, made up in the
best style. Priced to
suit your pocketbook.
Were \$18 and \$20, now

YOUR CHOICE OF ABOUT 100 SUITS
of Checks, Browns, Mixtures, Serges, in
Two and Three Pieces, lined or half-
lined coats; are regu-
lar \$10 and \$12.50 Suits,
now

Here's the Trouser Opportunity of the Season.

These are Trouser bargains that cannot be duplicated in this city. Our Trousers
stock, like the Clothing stock, must go.

\$7 and \$8 Worsted Trousers reduced to - - - - \$4.98

Regular \$5 and \$6 Worsteds and Flannels reduced to \$3.50

Every \$3 and \$3.50 Trousers, every style, reduced to \$1.98

Our \$2.50 Trousers reduced to - - - - - \$1.48

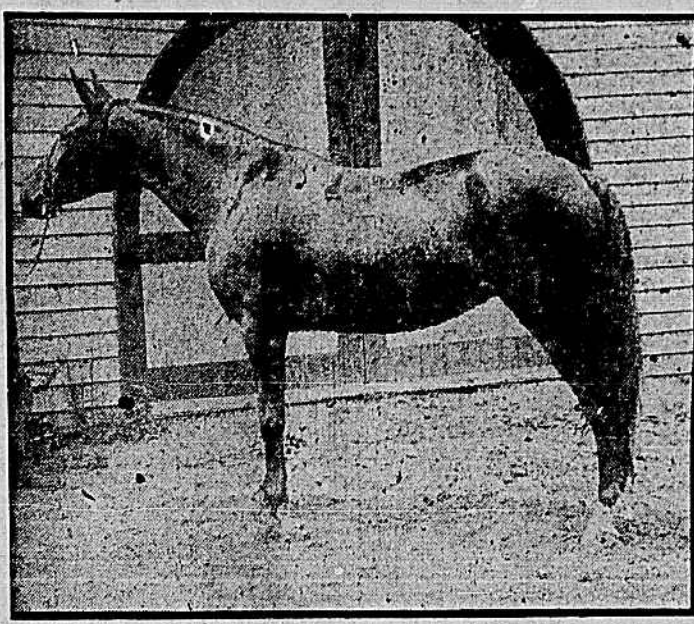
SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.

Samuel E. Duggins,

00 Broad Street.

Opposite Foushee.

A FAST VIRGINIA TROTTER



LADY HALIFAX,
Trotter, bay filly, 3, bred and owned by Dr. L. T. Whitaker, Enfield, N. C.
Sired by Pilot Medium, J. P. 2:00 1/4, dam Sisterina, 2:29 1/4, by King Nut-
wood.

AUTOMOBILE RACES IN FLORIDA PLANNED

American Manufacturers Have
Invested Enormous Sums in
Speeding Machines.

NEW YORK, August 17.—American
automobile manufacturers, whose plans
have been greatly upset by calling off
the Vanderbilt Cup race this year,
are anxiously hoping that some plan
may be devised by which a contest for
their cars may be arranged. There
has been some talk of holding a race
in Florida, where a thirty-mile course
is offered, with every facility for a
thorough test of high-powered cars.
This offer will be taken up and con-
sidered by the A. A. A.
To some extent the Americans figure
that the several hundred thousand dol-
lars, which they have invested in cup
cars for the Vanderbilt race has been a
total loss. In this age of marvelous
and rapid improvement, many changes
may be made in autos before another
fall year rolls around and the Long
Island Motor Park Speedway is ready
for the cup race of October, 1908. That
such improvements will be possible
makes these cars, which cost fully
\$20,000 each to manufacture, almost
worthless, and one of the worst fea-
tures has been that the makers are to
have no opportunity to test them in a
race of nearly three hundred miles.
On the other hand the foreign makers
of these racing cars have already had
two or three big road races, and they
are consequently just so much ahead

of American manufacturers in prac-
tical knowledge gained. The result is
advantage in the races of next year.
E. R. Thomas, of Buffalo, in a recent
interview, declared emphatically in
favor of a race or series of contests
in Florida. He has individually spent
more than \$150,000 in cup race ex-
periments, yet declares he has just
decided to invest the same
way, as an excellent thing for the in-
dustry and automobilism generally.
He with other American makers are
working hard for a race this fall.

Willie Reinstated.

CINCINNATI, O. August 17.—The ap-
plication of Lew Wilts for reinstate-
ment as an eligible ball-player in order
that he may secure employment in
some minor league club has been
granted by the National Commission
on certain conditions. Like players
Griffin and Bressler, recently tempo-
rarily reinstated, he must report regu-
larly to the commission, which shall
decide whether and when his con-
duct warrants permanent reinstate-
ment. Wilts was playing in the Tri-
State League, until recently classed as
an outlaw organization, and, being a
contract jumper, was unable to play
elsewhere, but has been unable to re-
tain his position in that league, and
was, therefore, without occupation un-
less permitted to play with some minor
organization.

All-Indian Baseball Team.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Aug. 17.—
The East will soon see a baseball nov-
elty in an all-Indian baseball team.
Just Whitefeathers, a full-blooded Win-
nebago Indian, who lives near this
city, is organizing a baseball team
among his brethren for the purpose of
touring the Eastern States. All of
the players are well-educated young
men, most of them being students in
the government Indian schools. The
team will probably be a strong one.

ATHLETIC MEETS, TRACK AND FIELD

Battle Royal Is Expected at
Jamestown Exposition on
September 6-7.

NEW YORK'S STRONG TEAM

Chicago Will Also Send Some
Fleet Runners and Muscular
Specimens.

NEW YORK, August 17.—There will
be a battle royal in athletic circles on
the athletic field at the Jamestown Ex-
position Grounds, where the fastest
track ever built for human sprinters
has been constructed. This meeting of
the men of muscle on September 6th
and 7th will be the greatest that the
Amateur Athletic Union of the United
States has ever ruled over, for in the
national championships, both senior
and junior divisions, men from all over
the United States will take part. It is
true that in past national champion-
ship meets there have been representa-
tives from various sections of the
country, but never have they come forth
in answer to the summons to compete
as they have done this year. Not only
will the United States send its best
athletes, but Canada also will enter,
which means that the meet will be
one of the greatest international
meets in U. S. history. It is cer-
tain to be in the nature of a long step
forward in the right direction for such
sport. As a result of the great inter-
sectional gathering, the men of the
New York A. C. and the Irish-American
A. A. the two leaders in local
athletic circles, will have to go
the limit if they do not wish to be out-
classed by their opponents.
For each of the divisions of ath-
letes—the juniors and the seniors—the
men without a senior championship to
their credit, and the seniors—the program
will be a most interesting one. Sixteen
events calculated to test every
muscle in the body. The prizes offered
for the contests of skill and
bravery and endurance are the most
coveted trophies in the amateur world
in this country, for a man who can
sport the silver medal emblematic of
the championship of the United States,
is shown to all men to be an athlete
of great ability. The men of any
athletic club which wins the greatest
number of points in the series of games
there will be awarded a handsome
repertoire of prizes. With this in
view to the men enlisting second and
third in each event. The scoring of
points will be as follows:
Place is to count five points, second
three and third place one.
The program's events are as follows:
Runs of 100, 220, 440, 880 yards, one
mile and five miles; hurdles races at
120 and 220 yards; running high jump,
running broad jump, pole vault for
height, throwing fifty-six-pound ham-
mer, throwing sixteen-pound shot, and
throwing the discus both free and
Greek style.
Outside of the two New York clubs
the strongest competitor in the games
will probably be the Chicago Athletic
Association. The wearers of the cherry
circles won the national champion-
ship games at the Lewis and Clark Ex-
position two years ago, and since then
they have been more than anxious to
repeat the feat. With this in view
they have strengthened their team
marvelously this year, and are
said to have incorporated in their
ranks nearly all the men who made
the track team of the University of
Michigan the best in the West during
the past intercollegiate season.